

Councilmember Kansen Chu

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Councilmember Chu performing the ribbon cutting at Commodore Park Opening on November 16, 2013.



Councilmembers Chu, Kalra, and Campos with Mayor Reed proclaiming October as Filipino American Heritage Month on October 29, 2013.



Councilmember Chu with his wife Daisy, daughter Ann, and son-in-law Steven at the 3rd Annual Halloween event on October 19, 2013.

Newsletter

Office of Councilmember Kansen Chu

A MESSAGE FROM COUNCILMEMBER CHU

Dear District 4 Neighbors,

The holidays are a time of love and laughter for most of us as well as a time for getting together with people we care about. But for many, the holiday season presents a unique opportunity to help those in need in our community; whether we choose to make a financial donation, donate new toys or clothes, volunteer our time and talents, or participate in our holiday drive. Together, we can all make a difference in our communities. Even the smallest contribution can make a difference to those who are struggling.

If you're looking for ways to get involved, please consider joining a neighborhood association or volunteer through citywide programs such as Adopt-A-Park/Trail, Graffiti and Litter Clean-Ups, or at your local community center or library. In this season of sharing, I hope that you will be able to give a little of your time and energy to make our community an even better place to live, work, and play.

In the spirit of the holiday season, I would like to wish each of you a peaceful and joyous time to celebrate with family and friends and much happiness in the coming New Year!

Happy Holidays,

Kansen



**HAPPY
HOLIDAYS
FROM
COUNCILMEMBER
KANSEN CHU
AND THE
DISTRICT 4
TEAM**

Sign up for regular email updates from District 4

Email district4@sanjoseca.gov so you can be added to the email list.

District 4 Website: <http://tinyurl.com/sjdistrict4>

DISTRICT 4 OFFICE

200 East Santa Clara Street, 18th Floor
San Jose, CA 95113

Telephone: (408) 535-4904

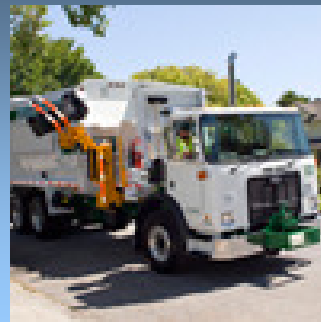
Fax: (408) 292-6459

Email: District4@sanjoseca.gov



Collection Day Lookup Now Includes Neighborhood Cleanup Dates

San José's online Collection Day Lookup now provides a convenient way for residents to find their neighborhood cleanup event date. By entering their street number and zip code into the online form at www.sanjoseca.gov/lookup, residents can find their cleanup date as well as garbage, recycling and yard trimmings collection days, street sweeping schedule, and service provider contact information. Residents unable to use the online tool may call the Customer Contact Center for assistance at (408) 535-3500. Cleanup events are scheduled once every three years, and notices will continue to be mailed in advance. They are popular with residents who want to dispose of rubbish, metal, construction debris, mattresses, tires, old appliances, and other items that are not collected through the weekly residential garbage collection service.



Agnews Update

There was a town hall community forum regarding the Agnews Developmental Property on Wednesday, November 6th at Don Callejon School. The meeting was well attended by many community members and supporters. Santa Clara Unified School District Board of Education and representatives from the City of San José received input from the community regarding the joint Letter of Interest/Offer to purchase the Agnews parcel located at 3500 Zanker Road in the City of San José from the California State Department of General Services for the construction of primary, middle and high schools. The community had a lot of great things to say about the proposal and the energy throughout the meeting was positive. Both the City of San José and Santa Clara Unified School District submitted the Letters of Intent/Offer before the deadline on November 21st. During this time, City staff and school district members await for the selection process. For more information, please visit <http://www.3500zanker.com/>.

6th Annual Breakfast with Santa at the Berryessa Community Center

CITY OF SAN JOSE - DEPARTMENT OF PRNS, COUNCILMEMBER KANSEN CHU
AND THE BERRYESSA COMMUNITY CENTER ADVISORY COUNCIL INVITE YOU TO:

Breakfast with Santa

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2013

Berryessa Community Center
3050 BERRYESSA ROAD, 95132
TEL: (408) 251-6392

Pre-Registration

- * \$7 PER PERSON (CHILDREN UNDER ONE YEARS OLD ARE FREE)
- * \$10 AT THE DOOR
- * PRE-REGISTRATION MUST BE RECEIVED BY MAIL, FAX, ONLINE OR IN PERSON BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2013 (5:00 PM).
- * COURSE CODE: 212.2.1301
- * WWW.SANJOSECA.GOV/PRNS
- * NO REFUNDS AND NO EXCEPTIONS

Event Schedule

- * 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
 - * CHILDREN'S ARTS & CRAFT TIME
 - * PICTURES WITH SANTA
- * 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM
 - * PANCAKE BREAKFAST LINE OPEN
- * 9:45 AM AND 10:30 AM
 - * PRIZE DRAWING
 - * MUST BE PRESENT TO WIN THE PRIZE DRAWINGS. THE PRIZE DRAWING WILL TAKE PLACE IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM.

Can Food Drive

- * NON PERISHABLE FOOD DRIVE STARTING NOV. 12TH THROUGH DEC. 13TH TO BENEFIT THE SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK. EXTRA PRIZE DRAWING TICKETS WILL BE GIVEN AWAY FOR THOSE WHO DONATE.

Paid for by the City of San José and the BCCAC



I would like to take this opportunity to invite you and your family to attend the **6th Annual Breakfast with Santa** event on Saturday, December 7, 2013, from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM at the Berryessa Community Center. Come join us for a hot and hearty breakfast of pancakes, eggs, and sausage! There will be free pictures with Santa, arts and crafts for children, and a raffle. You can also help spread the holiday spirit by bringing nonperishable or canned food items that will be donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank. Those donating items will receive extra raffle tickets for prizes.

Pre-Registration Price: \$7 for adults and children. Infants under one year will be admitted for free. Pre-register by Friday, December 7th. Register in person at the Berryessa Community Center, fax at 408-251-7687, or online at www.sanjose.gov/prns by looking up Course Number 212.2.1301. All proceeds support future programming at the Berryessa Community Center.



Neighborhood Groups

Alviso Neighborhood Group
Meets every 1st Thursday
at 6:00PM at the
South Bay Yacht Club
Contact: Betty Brown
betty@maileater.net

Alviso Water Taskforce
Meets every 2nd Wednesday
at 6:00PM at the
Alviso Library
Contact: Charles Taylor
charles@tomato.com

Berryessa Citizens
Advisory Council
Meets every 2nd Monday
at 7:00PM at the
Berryessa Community Ctr
Contact: Ty Greaves
tgreaves@sbcglobal.net

River Oaks
Neighborhood Association
Meets every 1st Thursday
Premier Pizza
Contact: Jean Marlowe
jean@jeanmarlowe.com

Townsend Park
Neighborhood Association
Scheduled as needed
Location TBA
Contact: Lori Wallace
lori_wp@yahoo.com

If you are interested in starting a neighborhood group, please contact my office at district4@sanjoseca.gov or call (408) 535-4904 for assistance.

Updates on District 4 Transportation

Reporting Concerns

You can report most of your transportation related concerns, including sidewalk maintenance, streetlight repair, sign repair, street sweeping, and tree maintenance, at <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/FormCenter/Transportation-22/Report-a-Problem-141>

Montague Expressway Widening

On August 14, 2012, the City awarded a construction contract for the Montague Expressway Widening Project to LH Engineering Company. The project involves widening the north side of Montague Expressway between Orchard Drive and Zanker Road. On May 28, 2013, Ohio Casualty, the surety company who issued the performance bond for LH Engineering, informed the City that LH Engineering was unable to complete the project and that Ohio Casualty would be assisting in the completion of the project. The City, Ohio Casualty, and a completion contractor agreed to enter into a three-way agreement whereby O'Grady Paving will complete the project on behalf of the surety in order to satisfy LH Engineering's performance obligation under the original performance bond. The surety is responsible for completing the project and the City does not anticipate the expenditure of any public funds in excess of the original contract amount. A Notice to Proceed was issued to O'Grady Paving on August 20, 2013. Project is on target. Final paving will be taking place (weather permitting) and the only remaining item of work will be the installation of the street trees expected to be completed in early December.

Mabury—Highway 101 Interchange

This interchange is my number one transportation priority and is the City's number one priority for highway interchanges. The proposed construction of a new interchange at U.S. 101 and Mabury Road has an estimated cost of \$57 million dollars. The project is a joint project between the City of San Jose and State of California's CalTrans Department. The City Council approved 2million in funding for the initial planning stages of the interchange which will be complete by the end of 2014. Final design and land acquisition will occur from 2015 to 2017 and is expected to cost \$25 million. The third and final stage of construction set to occur between 2018 and 2012 has an estimated cost of \$30 million. This is an essential transportation improvement that will provide residents with important access to the new Berryessa BART station.

Streetlights

Many residents have filed complaints and inquiries regarding streetlights. The City manages over 62,000 streetlights. In addition to LED installation, which will lead to energy and budget savings, the City has been working on repairing broken streetlights. Due to a high volume of copper wire theft, there has been a dramatic increase in the amount of broken streetlights. This has caused a backlog in work orders, and hundreds of lights need repair this year. Therefore, the current timeline for fixing a streetlight is approximately 6 to 7 months after being reported. You can report broken streetlights to street.lights@sanjoseca.gov.

Priority Network

Many residents have inquired into the process of road repavement. The City currently maintains over 2,000 miles of roadway. Due to budget cuts, there is over \$300 million in needed road repavement. Currently budget restraints only allow funding for \$20 million in annual road repavement. \$6 million of this is spent on pothole and mitigation projects and \$14 million is spent on repavement of the "priority network," a set of streets that have been identified by traffic engineers as essential to roadway travel. 99% of San Jose's traffic travels on streets in the "priority network." To learn more about the priority network please visit: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/faq.aspx?qid=103>



Nominate an Outstanding District 4 Community Member



Councilmember Chu with nominees at the District 4 Community Recognition Event on January 26, 2013.

It is an honor for me to once again open nominations to recognize the heroes and heroines within our community. We have many outstanding individuals and groups in our community who dedicate their time and efforts in making our homes, neighborhoods, and businesses better places to live, work, and play. I ask you for your help to nominate these unsung heroes so that we can acknowledge and celebrate their work.

Nominees must describe how the individual or group has made a positive impact in the District 4 community. Please submit your nomination to my office by December 13, 2013 by contacting Stephanie Fong at 408-535-4904 or via email at Stephanie.fong@sanjoseca.gov.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage residents to get more involved in their communities. I strongly believe that the involvement of residents is one of the most vital components to building a better community. I encourage residents to increase their community involvement through more participation in neighborhood groups, volunteering, and civic engagement. We need your help and support in order to continue making the City of San Jose a great place to live, work, and play for all of us. Together, we can make a difference in our neighborhoods, communities, and City.

Vista Montana Park

Commodore Park

On Saturday, November 16, 2013, I joined Assistant City Manager Ed Shikada, PRNS Director Julie Edmonds-Mares, Public Works Director Dave Sykes, Pulte Homes, and over 250 community members for the grand opening of Commodore Park in Council District 4. Located at the corner of Jackson Avenue and Commodore Drive, the newly constructed 3.2 acre park compliments its "green" design with features including pervious asphalt, porous pavers and porous colored concrete. In addition, the park's cherry orchard themed playground, adult fitness area, picnic area and open turf provide a perfect spot for families to enjoy the outdoors and remain active. As part of the Penitencia Creek Park Master Plan, Commodore Park serves as a connection to the trail and provides the community with additional open space for recreation and fitness usage.

I am happy to report that Commodore Park has opened a month before the expected completion date. I would like to thank the community for your patience, City staff, and Pulte Homes for making this possible. With the opening of our newest park, we must work together to keep the park clean and maintained. The City's Adopt-A-Park program is seeking volunteers to help keep the park clean and green by picking up litter, raking, sweeping, cleaning, and simply being our extra 'eyes and ears' in the park. Volunteers are asked to make a one year commitment to the program as well as volunteer at least 4 hours per month. Training is provided.

If interested in learning more about the Adopt-A-Park program, please see our website: www.sanjoseca.gov/prns and click on "Volunteer Opportunities" on the left. If you would like to sign up for the Adopt-A-Park program, please mail: AdoptaPark@sanjoseca.gov or call (408) 743-4190.



City Of San Jose City Hall & Offices Closed December 24th to January 1st

San José City Hall and other City offices will close from December 24th to January 1st in observance of holidays and New Years. All City offices will reopen on Thursday, January 2nd. The Police and Fire Departments, along with other critical City services, will remain unaffected by the closure.

- **Customer Contact Center:** The City's Customer Contact Center will be closed on this City-observed holiday. An answering service will provide information and assistance to callers during the holiday. Non-emergency requests requiring follow-up will be routed to the proper department and handled during open business hours.
- **Library Schedule:** All City libraries will be closed and will resume regular hours on Thursday, January 2nd.
- **Community Centers:** Residents should check with their local community center for hours of operation during the holidays. Community Center information is available at www.sanjoseca.gov/prns or in the Citywide Activity Guide.
- **Garbage and Recycling:** pickup will occur as normal on Thursday, January 2nd.
- **Garbage Bills or New Accounts:** If you have billing questions or need to transfer or begin a new garbage service account, call the City's Customer Contact Center at (408) 535-3500 when the offices reopen on Thursday, January 2nd. A drop box located at the 6th Street and Santa Clara Street entrance of City Hall, is available for bill payment deposits during the closure.

If you have any questions about City services, please call (408) 535-3500.



Councilmember Chu and Daisy at the Hua Ri Performing Arts on October 8, 2013.



Councilmember Chu advocating for the Agnews Developmental Center School Site with North San Jose and Alviso residents on October 3, 2013.



Councilmember Chu at the Annual San Jose Veterans Day Parade on November 11, 2013

COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday, December 17, 2013
5:30PM-7:30PM

Panera Bread
4180 N First Street

Wednesday, January 17, 2013
5:00PM-7:00PM

Educational Park Library
1772 Educational Park Drive

Since I was elected to serve you in 2007, I have committed to receiving feedback and providing assistance to residents in Berryessa, North San Jose, and Alviso. Over the past six years, I have enjoyed meeting with many of you at my community office hour sessions. I encourage you to continue to take advantage of the community office hours that take place once a month at various locations in the district so that I may be of assistance to you all.

Please call the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to book an appointment.

Dates and locations are subject to change. Please call for confirmed times and locations.





City & Community Contacts

City Hall Call Center

(408) 535-3500

Abandoned Vehicles

(408) 277-5305

Alviso Branch Library

(408) 263-3626

Alviso Youth Center

(408) 423-1706

Anti-Graffiti & Litter

(866) 249-0543

Berryessa Branch Library

(408) 808-3050

Berryessa Community &

Senior Center

(408) 251-6392

Berryessa Youth Center

(408) 715-6557

Code Enforcement

(408) 535-7770

Crime Prevention

(408) 277-4133

Garbage & Recycling

(408) 535-3500

Our City Forrest

(408) 998-7337

Parks & Recreation

(408) 535-3570

Sidewalk Repair

(408) 277-3158

Street Lights

(408) 794-1903

Street Sweeping

(408) 283-4800

Tree Trimming & Removal

(408) 277-2762

Meet Your District 4 Team

Stephanie Fong, Chief of Staff

stephanie.fong@sanjoseca.gov

FOCUS AREAS

Berryessa Neighborhood, Budget, Capital Improvement Projects, Intergovernmental Relations, Labor, Personnel, Intern Coordination, and Media Relations.

COMMITTEES

Rules and Open Government; Neighborhood Services & Education



Margie Espinoza, Executive Assistant

margie.espinoza@sanjoseca.gov

FOCUS AREAS

Councilmember Scheduling, Office Administration, Constituent Services, and Event Planning.

Sheila Ngo, Policy Analyst

sheila.ngo@sanjoseca.gov

FOCUS AREAS

North San Jose Neighborhood, Land Use, Economic Development, Environmental Policy, and Constituent Services.

COMMITTEES

Community and Economic Development; Transportation and Environment; Public Safety, Finance, and Strategic Support



Brandon Li, Council Assistant

brandon.li@sanjoseca.gov

FOCUS AREAS

Alviso Neighborhood, Public Safety, Transportation, Housing, Event Planning, Social Media, Newsletter and Constituent Services.

COMMITTEES

Transportation & Environment; Public Safety, Finance and Strategic Support

If you are interested in receiving District 4 updates, please send an email to district4@sanjoseca.gov or call my office (408) 535-4904.

I send one email a week regarding upcoming events and meetings in the district as well as citywide and District 4 news.





DISTRICT 4 EVENTS

For up-to-date event information, visit
sanjoseca.gov/district4 and email
district4@sanjoseca.gov to receive e-Notices.

DECEMBER

5 ALVISO NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETING

6:00PM-8:00PM

South Bay Yacht Club
1491 Hope Street

Contact Betty Brown at betty@maileater.net.

5 RIVER OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

7:00PM-8:00PM

Premier Pizza

670 River Oaks Parkway

Contact Jean Marlowe at marlowe@ro-na.org

7 BREAKFAST with SANTA

9:00AM-11:00AM

Berryessa Community Center

3050 Berryessa Road

Contact Michelle Nguyen at
(408) 535-4906 for more info.

9 BERRYESSA CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

7:00PM-8:30PM

Berryessa Community Center
3050 Berryessa Road

11 ALVISO WATER TASK FORCE

6:00PM-7:00PM

Alviso Library

5050 N First St

17 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

5:30PM-7:30PM

Panera Bread

4180 N First St

Contact district4@sanjoseca.gov
to set up an appointment

25 CHRISTMAS DAY

City Hall Closed

NOTE: City Hall will be closed
between December 24th to
January 1st. City Hall Customer
Service Lines will still be open to
take calls at (408) 535-3500.

2 ALVISO NEIGHBORHOOD GROUP MEETING

6:00PM-8:00PM

South Bay Yacht Club

1491 Hope Street

RIVER OAKS NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION MEETING

7:00PM-8:00PM

Premier Pizza

670 River Oaks Parkway

8 ALVISO WATER TASKFORCE

6:00PM-8:00PM Alviso

Branch Library

5050 North First Street

Contact Charles Taylor at
charles@tomato.com.

JANUARY



13 BERRYESSA CITIZENS ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETING

7:00PM-8:30PM

Berryessa Community Center
3050 Berryessa Road

17 COMMUNITY OFFICE HOURS

5:00PM-7:00PM

Educational Park Library

1772 Educational Park Drive

Please call (408) 535-4904 to
schedule an appointment.

19 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. DAY

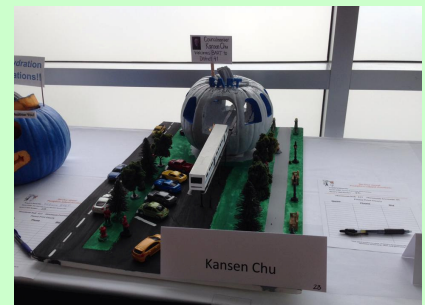
City Hall Closed



Councilmember Chu with Daisy at the
Diwali and Annakut event on
November 10, 2013.



Councilmember Chu with Assemblymember
Wieckowski and Congressman Honda at a
Covered California event on
November 2, 2013.



Councilmember Chu's pumpkin representing the
Berryessa BART Station won Best Overall
Pumpkin at a contest hosted by Silicon Valley
Nonprofits Council on October 24, 2013.

Event dates are subject to change. Please contact the District 4 office at (408) 535-4904 to confirm events.

VOLUNTEER IN DISTRICT 4!



Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley

The Wildlife Center of Silicon Valley strives to provide high quality care and rehabilitation for injured, sick, and orphaned wildlife within the Silicon Valley Community. Volunteer to assist our wildlife!

(408) 929-9453 • www.wcsv.org

Adopt A Park Program

Adopt a Park Program strives to protect and enhance San Jose's neighborhood parks and open spaces by volunteer support, and at the same time dedicated to educating San Jose residents about the importance of parks. Adopt a Park today!

(408) 793-4190 • www.sjadoptapark.org



Celebrating 25 Years



Santa Visits Alviso

Santa Visits Alviso has been serving the Alviso Community since 1983 and is dedicated to bringing gifts & the Spirit of the Holidays to hundreds of toddlers and teens every year. Santa Visits Alviso is an all volunteer organization & is active year long.

rpsantos@scvwd.dst.ca.us • www.alvisosanta.com



Friends of the Library Program

District 4 is proud to have two libraries to serve our community. Call today for volunteer opportunities!

Friends of Alviso Library • (408) 263-3626
Friends of Berryessa Library • (408) 808-2181



Help an Adult Improve Their Reading and Writing!

Become a volunteer tutor for the adult literacy program, Partners in Reading, at the San Jose Public Library (SJPL). One-on-one tutoring will take place within branches of the SJPL & other public sites in San Jose. All sessions are required and participants must register in advance.

Partners in Reading • (408) 808-2361

Make a Difference in Your Park

One day service events are a great way for families, teens, senior citizens, community, school, or corporate groups to come together, learn gardening skills, clean up local parks, and enjoy nature — all in 2-6 hours. Your neighborhood park needs you!

ParkVolunteer@sanjoseca.gov • (408) 535-3588

STAY CONNECTED:

-  <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/district4>
-  <http://www.facebook.com/pages/Kansen-Chu/129515027099190>
-  <https://twitter.com/kansenchu>
-  <http://lnkd.in/AVujvU>
-  <http://www.flickr.com/kansenchu>

